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**WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. § 1.55**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, the applicant(s) submit(s)  
herewith a certified copy of the following foreign application:

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It is respectfully requested that the applicant(s) be given the benefit of the foreign filing  
date(s) as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the  
requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,

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